Chair of St John Council – Powys Advert

**St John - Worldwide**

St John is an international charity with 900 years of history that in modern times provides first aid, health care and support services in over 40 countries around the world. Together the 44 Priories make up the Order of St John.

**In Wales?**

The Priory for Wales is an independent Priory within the Order of St John. We are a working Order of Chivalry of the British Crown with His Majesty the King as its Sovereign Head, which is accredited to the United Nations.

We are Wales’ leading first aid charity. Our new 2025-2030 Strategy has the mission of **“Wales as a Community of Lifesavers”**.In order to do this we have 4 strategic objectives:

1. Experience: We want to be the best volunteering offer in Wales. We want our St John people to have the best experience, training, leadership, and equipment.
2. Maximising the potential of our Children and Young People.
3. Increasing our focus on Community Education.
4. Making St John more inclusive and sustainable.

We work closely with NHS Wales and the Welsh Ambulance Service University Trust (WASUT), We provide on-site first aid and medical services at events across Wales from local events in your community to international sporting and cultural events.

In order to do this we have around 2,000 St John People, a mixture of employees and volunteers as well as around 800 Children and Young People.

**The opportunity**

The Priory has ambitious plans in place and a new strategy. We are seeking a Chair of our St John Council in Powys.

The Chair will be responsible for leading the Council to create County Development Plans which enhance the presence and services of St John Ambulance Cymru within the Powys county, representing the Order and ensuring compliance with the Rules for St John Councils, in conjunction with our Statutes and Regulations. The attached [Priory structure chart](https://www.sjacymru.org.uk/image/vacancy/Priory%20structure%20chart%20-%20draft%2026Feb25.pdf) illustrates how these roles are going to interlink.

The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem is a working order of chivalry led by His Majesty The King. It traces its origins back a thousand years and has a [long, proud and fascinating history](https://museumstjohn.org.uk/our-story/history-of-the-order/). Our events are often supported by dignitaries such as members of the Royal Family, Lord Lieutenants, High Sheriffs, mayors, civic leaders and prominent figures from around the global Order of St John. This is your opportunity to be involved in continuing the proud traditions of the Order and shaping it for the future.

Attached is a role profile and person specification outlining what the role entails and what characteristics an ideal candidate would have. If you think you might be interested or would just like to know a bit more, please feel free to arrange an informal chat with the Prior via e-mail (Paul.Griffiths@sjacymru.org.uk.)

We welcome applications of interest from all for this exciting and rewarding opportunity to join us in leading the Priory.

In accordance with our governance rules, appointments run for a triennium with potential for a further triennium.

**What you’ll need to be successful**

Interested applicants will need to be able to demonstrate strongly the value and benefit they will bring, playing a key role in the continued growth and success of the Priory for Wales. As well as specific expertise, applicants should be able to show commitment to the charity’s aims and objectives, the willingness to devote the necessary time and effort, strategic vision, good judgement, willingness to speak their mind, ability to work as a team and a belief in Nolan’s seven principles of public life.

**Reflecting the diversity of local communities is particularly important to us so we wish to encourage people with a range of backgrounds and experiences to apply.**

We are committed to being a diverse organisation, that is truly representative of the communities we serve. We are an equal opportunities organisation with an inclusive environment, where we aim to ensure all our people can contribute to their fullest potential.
We encourage you to apply if you are from an under-represented group as we appreciate the strong value of having rich and diverse leaders. Whilst our roots are based in a Christian background, we welcome applicants from other faiths and those without faith.

To apply, please complete an [application form](https://t728yc5awbt.typeform.com/to/O4ZaYYHh) highlighting how your skills and experience align with the role description, demonstrating why you’re an ideal fit for the position.

The closing date for applications will be Friday 23rd May 2025 at 11:59pm.

The interview date is to be confirmed but is anticipated to be in June 2025.

This role is voluntary and unpaid but appropriate expenses will be met.